Development of Tarabole as Tourist Centre

1878. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has bee requesting the Union Government for developing Tarabole Sulphanic hot water spring area in Puri district as a tourist centre; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The Central Department of Tourism on the request of the State Govt., has commissioned a study by the Town and Country Planning Organisation for the preparation of a master plan for the development of Tarabole. As regards the declaration of any place as a tourist centre, it is the responsibility of the State Govt.

Linking of Ganga and Cauvery and Garland Water Grid Schemes

1879. SHRI SHANKARRAO D. KALE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) The progress made in the Scheme of linking the Ganga and Cauvery rivers, so far; and

(b) the progress made by the Government in the Garland Water Grid Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The National Water Development Agency has completed the premilinary feasibility studies of the Mahanadi -Godavari link and two of the three links for the Godavari-Krishna link, namely Godavari-(Inchampalli) -Krishna (Pulichintala) link and Godavari (Polavara) -Krishna (Vijayawada) link.

(b) The Garland Water Grid Scheme proposed by Captain Dastur is not being pursued as the scheme was found technically unsound and economically prohibitive.

[*Translation*]

Progress of Irrigation Targets in States

1880. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total target for irrigation fixed for each State so far;

(b) the extent to which the target has been achieved by each State;

(c) the time by which the target is likely to be achieved; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A Statement is enclosed

(c) At present growth rate of expansion of irrigationfacilities , the ultimate irrigation potential is expected to be achieved by 2005 A.D.

(d) The Union Government assists the State Governments in finalising technically sound proposals for irrigation development and facilitates plan allocation of funds for the same. It also helps in arranging special central assistance, external financial assistance for implementation of the projects apart from monitoring the progress of major and medium projects, sorting out inter-state disputes on sharing of water by the basin states